GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:40
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BIO FUEL CROPS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of a study in the USA which concluded that rush for bio fuel crops may add to more pollution as compared to hydro carbon;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.40 due for reply on 27.2.2007 regarding Bio Fuel Crops.

(a) No, Sir. Bio fuel is a potential low carbon energy source, but whether bio fuels offer carbon savings depends on how they are produced. Converting forests, graslands and productive land to produce food-based biofuels create more green houses gases than its save.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.